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CIRCLE AMPLIFICATION

Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 8, 2003, please amend the application as

follows.

Remarks

Claims 1-138 are pending. Claims 137 and 138 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Response to Restriction Requirement

1. In the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003, the claims were divided into two groups, Group I, claims 1-136, drawn to a method of detecting analytes; and Group II, claims 137 and 138, drawn to a kit. A provisional election of the claims of Group I was made in a telephone

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